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CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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STOCKING OF FOOD ARTICLES IN PRIVATE GODOWNS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the private companies are keeping of stock of foodgrains, pulses and oilseeds in various godowns in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether there is any stipulated time for which these stock can be held; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the provision regarding the treatment of stocks held beyond stipulated period?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) & (b): The main depositor for foodgrains is Food Corporation of India.As per the information furnished by Central Warehousing Corporation, the private companies are also keeping foodgrains, pulses and oilseeds in various godowns of CWC. The details of foodgrains stored by private parties and Cooperative Societies for the last three years and the current year are as under:-

Year	Quantity in Lakh MTs
2004-05	10.86
2005-06	11.70
2006-07	13.59
2007-08 (Upto January, 08)	13.17

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir.The stocks are generally accepted for initial storage period of three months. After expiry of three months, the stocks are examined, analyzed/graded and assessed for quality aspects. If found within the quality norms, the storage period of the stocks is extended as per the request of the depositor for further specified time.